



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Colorado experienced scattered thunderstorms throughout the state last week with average temperatures. The hot dry weather continues to stress crops that are currently not under heavy irrigation. Soil moisture declined as a result of very little and spotty precipitation. This typical August weather pattern allowed farmers 5.5 days in the field to continue fieldwork and other operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	27	35	35	3
Last Week	21	34	42	3
Last Year	21	41	36	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	38	44	17	1
Last Week	36	41	22	1
Last Year	26	46	28	0

Small Grains: Spring wheat was 98 percent at or beyond turning color with 30 percent harvested. The crop is rated in good to fair condition. Spring barley was 100 percent at or beyond turning color and 32 percent harvested by week's end. The crop was also rated in mostly good to fair condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 13, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Wheat	4	10	34	40	12
Spring Barley	2	11	29	43	15

Row Crops: The corn crop has reached 90 percent at or beyond the silked stage and 30 percent at or beyond the dough stage with 5 percent of the crop at or beyond the dent stage. The crop currently is rated in mostly good to fair condition. The sorghum crop reached 68 percent headed last week with 15 percent turning color. The crop

is rated in mostly good condition. Summer potatoes were 14 percent harvested by week's end and are currently rated in good to excellent condition. The dry onion crop reached 15 percent harvested by week's end and is currently rated in good to fair condition. The sugarbeet crop is rated in good to fair condition. Fall potatoes are progressing nicely under heavy irrigation and are rated in good to fair condition. Dry beans were 92 percent at or beyond the flowered stage by week's end. Dry beans were rated in mostly good condition. Sunflowers are rated in good to fair condition.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 13, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	4	12	30	41	13
Sorghum	1	10	34	54	1

Hay: Producers continue to cut alfalfa with 80 percent of the crop at or beyond the second cutting and 8 percent at or beyond the third cutting. The crop is currently rated in good to fair condition.

Pasture and Range: Overall, pasture and range feed conditions improved only slightly due to the seasonal temperatures and scattered rainfall.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were average for the week. Producers continue to feed supplements due to the lack of grazable range and pastures.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 13, 2006

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2006	27	33	28	11	1
Prev. Year - 2005	11	25	38	23	3
5-Year Avg.	24	21	29	22	4

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Development Ratings for Week Ending August 13, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Spring Wheat				
Turning color	98	90	95	94
Harvested	30	20	28	38
Spring Barley				
Turning color	100	99	89	95
Harvested	32	24	25	38
Corn				
Silked	90	75	81	88
Dough	30	20	24	24
Dent	5	2	4	2
Corn Silage				
Harvested	5	2	-	-
Sorghum				
Headed	68	55	68	53
Turning color	15	9	5	3
Alfalfa				
2 nd cutting	80	73	90	81
3 rd cutting	8	-	12	14
Dry Beans				
Flowered	92	88	68	76
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	14	7	8	13
Dry Onions				
Harvest	15	-	5	13

COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS ^{1/}

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Sunflower	3	9	30	52	6
Alfalfa hay	13	19	29	33	6
Dry Onions	3	4	24	51	18
Sugarbeets	8	15	28	42	7
Summer Potatoes	3	6	5	45	41
Fall Potatoes	0	8	28	47	17
Dry Beans	10	12	21	54	3

^{1/} Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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